

I. Amendments In the claims:

CLAIM 1 (Currently Amended): A polo training apparatus comprising a dummy horse, and at least one movable ball-receiving surface located adjacent to and below the dummy horse, and two or more inclined surfaces adjacent to the ball receiving surface, the inclined surfaces angled to rise above the ball receiving surface so as to return a hit ball to the ball receiving surface.

CLAIM 2 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one ball-receiving surface is located to one side of the dummy horse.

CLAIM 3 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one ball-receiving surface is displaceable in a direction substantially parallel to the fore/aft direction of the dummy horse.

CLAIM 4 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in the claim 1, comprising a plurality of ball-receiving surfaces located adjacent to and below the dummy horse and being displaceable relative to the dummy horse.

CLAIM 5 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 4, comprising two ball-receiving surfaces, one located on each side of the dummy horse.

CLAIM 6 (Previously Amended): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ball receiving surface comprises one run of an endless conveyor belt.

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CLAIM 7 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dummy horse is displaceable.

CLAIM 8 (Original) A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the dummy horse is movable in a reciprocating motion.

CLAIM 9 (Currently amended): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the dummy horse is movable to simulate the movements of a real polo horse during a game of polo.

CLAIM 10 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the speed of movement of the dummy horse is a function of the speed of the ball-receiving surface or vice versa.

CLAIM 11 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claim in claim 10, wherein the speed of the horse and the speed of the ball-receiving surface are directly proportional to one another.

CLAIM 12 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claim in claim 10 wherein the dummy horse and the ball-receiving surface are driven by the same means.

CLAIM 13 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein the dummy horse and the ball-receiving surface are driven by a common electric motor.

CLAIM 14 (Currently Amended): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the one two or more inclined surfaces

adjacent to the ball-receiving surface are at oblique angles to the ball receiving surface.

CLAIM 15 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising a peripheral enclosure.

CLAIM 16 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein the enclosure comprises a cage or net.

CLAIM 17 (Previously Amended): A polo training apparatus comprising a dummy horse having a substantially rigid frame and a body portion pivotally mounted on the frame, a pivotally mounted neck portion extending from the pivotally mounted body portion and a pivotally mounted head extending from the neck portion, whereby the body portion can pivot from side to side.

CLAIM 18 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 17, further comprising biasing means for biasing the body portion towards a central position.

CLAIM 19 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein the biasing means comprise springs.

CLAIM 20 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 17, further comprising one or more sensors adapted to detect pressure from one or more parts of the rider's body.

CLAIM 21 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 20, comprising Sensors adapted to detect pressure from one or more of a rider's feet, knees and hand.

CLAIM 22 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 20, further comprising display means to indicate the correct posture is assumed for a particular polo shot.

CLAIM 23 (Original): A polo training apparatus as claimed in claim 22, wherein the display means comprises a light.

CLAIM 24 (Currently Amended): A horse riding training apparatus comprises a movable body portion upon which a rider sits, a movable neck portion extending from the body portion and a movable head extending from the neck portion, and means for displacing the body portion both in a reciprocating motion and a pivotal motion pivoting the body portion from side to side, the apparatus further comprising sensor means responsive to a simulated riding action in order to control the apparatus.

CLAIM 25 (Cancel):

CLAIM 26 (Currently amended): A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein the body portion is movable to simulate the movement of a real polo horse during a game of polo.

CLAIM 27 (Original): A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in 24, comprising pressure sensors adapted to respond to pressure from a part of a rider's body.

CLAIM 28 (Original): A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 27, comprising sensors adapted to respond to pressure from one or more of a rider's feet, knees or hand.

CLAIM 29 (Original): A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 28, comprising pressure sensors adapted to respond to pressure from a rider's feet, wherein actuation of the pressure sensors causes an increase in the speed of movement of the body portion.

CLAIM 30 (Original): A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 27, further comprising a simulated horse head portion, reins extending from the horse head portion and a control means actuated by movement of the head with the reins.

CLAIM 31 (Original): A horse riding training apparatus as claimed in claim 30, wherein movement of head actuates a switch which, when operated, reduces the speed of the body portion.